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Dear Sir:

Please amend the subject U.S. Patent Application as follows to place this U.S. Patent Application in better condition for examination.

In the claims from the verified English language translation, substitute the following Claims 1-26 (Currently Amended) for the pending Claims 1-26 (Original) from the PCT Article 36 Amendment.